

III. And, Whereas the following persons, to wit: William Eason and Richard Dean, of Washington county; and Jacob Pratt, of Caroline county, have by their petitions to this general assembly set forth, that they, by sickness or other unavoidable accident, were prevented from taking the oath or affirmation of support and fidelity to this state, as by the act for the better security of the government they were enjoined to do; and the general assembly, having taken the said petitions into consideration, finds the facts alleged in them to be true, and that the petitioners have a just title to the relief they pray for:

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IV. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if each and every of the above last mentioned petitioners shall, on or before the first day of September next, take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath or affirmation (as the case may be) of fidelity and support to this state, required by the act for the better security of the government, before some justice of the peace of his or their county or counties, and deliver a certificate thereof to the clerk of such county, who shall, and he is hereby directed to enroll the name or names of such person or persons in his book kept for that purpose, they shall from thenceforth be relieved from the treble tax, and all pains, penalties and disabilities whatsoever, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of free citizens of this state, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons named
relieved from
all disabilities,
&c.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to make valid the recording a deed from Matthew Sparks and Margery his wife, to John Hamilton, of Prince George's county.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that Matthew Sparks and Margery his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of eighty pounds current money, did, by deed of bargain and sale, bearing date the fifth day of April, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, make over and convey unto the said John Hamilton, in fee, part of a tract or parcel of land called Pleasant Spring enlarged, lying and being in the county aforesaid, and containing one hundred acres more or less; which deed, from accident, was not recorded until the twenty-fourth day of November, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven:

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That said deed, and the record thereof, shall be as good and effectual, as if the same had been recorded within the time limited by law.

Deed made
good, &c.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT for the relief of sundry persons appointed collectors for Pocomoke and Anamessex hundreds, in Somerset county.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that sundry persons, who were appointed collectors of the tax of Pocomoke and Anamessex hundreds, in Somerset county,

Preamble.